

American Passenger Rail Agreement

(with signatories as of April 28, 2003)

In order to ensure the safety, quality, reliability and efficiency of our country's vital transportation network and to preserve our national defense, America needs a balanced, integrated transportation system and the American people need diverse transportation choices. Passenger rail is a critical component of a modern, multi-modal transportation system, and needs to have financial support, unified policy development and oversight similar to that afforded to our air, highway and mass transit modes.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, do urge Congress and the President of the United States to fully institute the following passenger rail components, which are critical to the future of passenger rail in the United States, within the upcoming reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and/or Amtrak Reauthorization legislation:

1. Establish a dedicated, multi-year federal capital-funding program for intercity passenger rail, patterned after the existing federal highway, airport and mass transit programs.
2. Establish, as federal policy, a preserved and improved national passenger rail system – a nationwide, interconnected passenger rail system that stimulates higher levels of efficiency, innovation and responsiveness. Direct the Federal Railroad Administration, or another agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation, to – with state and local input – develop, fund and oversee this federal policy.
3. Provide full federal funding of Amtrak to maintain the national network during the period that the new federal plans and policies are being developed. Then, fully fund implementation of the national passenger rail system – with its new efficiencies, innovation and responsiveness – in subsequent years.

Alliance (Ohio) Area Development Foundation	City of Emeryville (California) Chamber of Commerce	Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers
Andrew Nemeth Properties, LLC	City of Erie, Pennsylvania City Council	Michigan Environmental Council
Alt-Trans Cleveland	City of Lafayette (Indiana) Common Council	Michigan Land Use Institute
American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners, Inc.	City of Rockford, Illinois	Midwest High Speed Rail Coalition
Association of Rail Travel in the U.S.	Coston & Lichman	Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission
Arkansas Association of Railroad Passengers	Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest	Missouri-Kansas Rail Passenger Coalition
Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates	Greater Lafayette (Indiana) Chamber of Commerce	Montana-Wyoming Association of Railroad Passengers
Bombardier Transportation	Illinois Rail	National Association of Railroad Passengers
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers / I.S.L.B.	Indiana High Speed Rail Association	National Conference of State Legislatures
Carolinas Association for Passenger Trains	Iowa Association of Railroad Passengers	National League of Cities
Center for Neighborhood Technology	Kennedy Indiana Rail Advocates	Northwest Indiana Initiative
Citizens for Modern Transit	Lackawanna Coalition	Ohio Association of Railroad Passengers
City of Alliance, Ohio	League of Michigan Bicyclists	Ohio Rail Development Commission
City of Aurora, Indiana	Lorain (Ohio) Port Authority	Parsons Brinckerhoff
City of Chicago, Illinois	Louisiana Association of Railroad Passengers	Passenger Rail Oklahoma
City of Emeryville, California City Council	Metro RTA, Akron, Ohio	Portland Cement Association
		ProRail Nebraska

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Alabama****Railway Supply Institute****Railway Systems Suppliers, Inc.****Rail Users' Network****Rhode Island Association of Railroad
Passengers****Schlusser and Schlusser, PC****Sierra Club****Shreiner Sole Company****Siemens Transportation Systems****States for Passenger Rail Coalition****TALGO****Tennessee Association of Railroad
Passengers****Texas Association of Rail Passengers****Texas Rail Advocates****Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority****Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of
Governments****The Council of State Governments, Eastern
Regional Conference****The National Corridors Initiative****The Ward-Dennis Hodge Corporation****Train Riders Association of
California****TrainRiders/Northeast****TransDominion Express****Transportation Riders United****Transystems****United Transportation
Union****U.S. Conference of
Mayors****Virginia Association of Railway Patrons****Virginians for High Speed Rail****Washington Association of Railroad
Passengers****Wilbur Smith Associates****Wisconsin Association of Railroad
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